

All Regional Engineers

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Special Provision for Seeding and Sodding

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This special provision was created to address concerns brought forward by the IDOT/Industry Joint Coop. It has been revised to address a shortage of the Alta fescue and Ky 31 seed varieties.

This special provision should be inserted in all contracts with permanent seeding or sod.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the November 17, 2006 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory August 4, 2006.

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SEEDING AND SODDING (BDE)

Effective: July 1, 2004

Revised: November 1, 2006

Revise the following seeding mixtures shown in Table 1 of Article 250.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

"Table 1 - SEEDING MIXTURES		
Class – Type	Seeds	kg/hectare (lb/acre)
1A Salt Tolerant Lawn Mixture 7/	Bluegrass Perennial Ryegrass Audubon Red Fescue Rescue 911 Hard Fescue Fults Salt Grass*	70 (60) 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) 70 (60)
2 Roadside Mixture 7/	Inferno Tall Fescue, Tarheel II Tall Fescue, or Quest Tall Fescue Perennial Ryegrass Creeping Red Fescue Red Top	110 (100) 55 (50) 50 (40) 10 (10)
2A Salt Tolerant Roadside Mixture 7/	Inferno Tall Fescue, Tarheel II Tall Fescue, or Quest Tall Fescue Perennial Ryegrass Audubon Red Fescue Rescue 911 Hard Fescue Fults Salt Grass 1/	70 (60) 20 (20) 20 (30) 20 (30) 70 (60)
3 Slope Mixture 7/	Inferno Tall Fescue, Tarheel II Tall Fescue, or Quest Tall Fescue Perennial Ryegrass Alsike Clover 2/ Birdsfoot Trefoil 2/ Andropogon Scoparius (Little Bluestem) Bouteloua Curtipendula (Side-Oats Grama) Fults Salt Grass 1/ Oats, Spring	45 (40) 25 (20) 5 (5) 10 (10) 5 (5) 10 (10) 35 (30) 55 (50)"

Revise Note 7 of Article 250.07 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“Note 7. In Districts 1 through 6, the planting times shall be April 1 to June 15 and August 1 to November 1. In Districts 7 through 9, the planting times shall be March 1 to June 1 and August 1 to November 15. Seeding may be performed outside these dates provided the Contractor guarantees a minimum of 75 percent uniform growth over the entire seeded area(s) after one growing season. The guarantee shall be submitted to the Engineer in writing prior to performing the work. After one growing season, areas not sustaining 75 percent uniform growth shall be interseeded or reseeded, as determined by the Engineer, at the Contractor’s expense.”

Add the following sentence to Article 252.04 of the Standard Specifications:

“Sod shall not be placed during the months of July and August.”

Revise the first paragraph of Article 252.08 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**252.08 Sod Watering.** Within two hours after the sod has been placed, water shall be applied at a rate of 25 L/sq m (5 gal/sq yd). Additional water shall be applied every other day at a rate of 15 L/sq m (3 gal/sq yd) for a total of 15 additional waterings. During periods exceeding 26 °C (80 °F) or subnormal rainfall, the schedule of additional waterings may be altered with the approval of the Engineer.”

Revise Article 252.09 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**252.09 Supplemental Watering.** During periods exceeding 26 °C (80 °F) or subnormal rainfall, supplemental watering may be required after the initial and additional waterings. Supplemental watering shall be performed when directed by the Engineer. Water shall be applied at the rate specified by the Engineer within 24 hours of notice.”

Revise the first and third paragraphs of Article 252.12 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“**252.12 Method of Measurement.** Sodding will be measured for payment in place and the area computed in square meters (square yards). To be acceptable for final payment, the sod shall be growing in place for a minimum of 30 days in a live, healthy condition. When directed by the Engineer, any defective or unacceptable sod shall be removed, replaced and watered by the Contractor at his/her own expense.”

“Supplemental watering will be measured for payment in units of 1000 L (1000 gal) of water applied on the sodded areas. Waterings performed in addition to those required by Article 252.08 or after the 30 day establishment period will be considered as supplemental watering.”

Replace the first paragraph of Article 252.13 of the Standard Specifications with the following:

“**252.13 Basis of Payment.** Sodding will be paid for at the contract unit price per square meter (square yard) for SODDING or SODDING, SALT TOLERANT according to the following schedule.

(a) Initial Payment. Upon placement of sod, 25 percent of the pay item will be paid.

(b) Final Payment. Upon acceptance of sod, the remaining 75 percent of the pay item will be paid.”

Revise Article 1081.03(b) of the Standard Specifications to read:

“(b) Salt Tolerant Sod.

Variety	Percent by Weight
Buffalo Grass	30%
Buchloe Dactyloides	
Inferno Tall Fescue	20%
Audubon Red Fescue	15%
Rescue 911 Hard Fescue	15%
Rugby Kentucky Bluegrass	5%
Fults Pucinnellia Distans	15%”

Revise Table II of Article 1081.04(c)(6) of the Standard Specifications to read:

TABLE II						
Variety of Seeds	Hard Seed Percent Maximum	Purity Percent Minimum	Pure, Live Seed Percent Minimum	Weed Percent Maximum	Secondary Noxious Weeds No. per kg (oz) Max. Permitted*	Remarks
Alfalfa	20	92	89	0.50	211 (6)	1/
Brome Grass	-	90	75	0.50	175 (5)	-
Clover, Alsike	15	92	87	0.30	211 (6)	2/
Clover, Crimson	15	92	83	0.50	211 (6)	-
Clover, Ladino	15	92	87	0.30	211 (6)	-
Clover, Red	20	92	87	0.30	211 (6)	-
Clover, White Dutch	30	92	87	0.30	211 (6)	3/
Audubon Red Fescue	0	97	82	0.10	105 (3)	-
Fescue, Creeping Red	-	97	82	1.00	105 (3)	-
Fescue, Inferno Tall	0	98	83	0.10	70 (2)	-
Fescue, Tarheel II Tall	-	97	82	1.00	211 (6)	-
Fescue, Quest Tall	0	98	83	0.10	70 (2)	-
Fults Salt Grass	0	98	85	0.10	70 (2)	-
Kentucky Bluegrass	-	97	80	0.30	247 (7)	5/
Lespedeza, Korean	20	92	84	0.50	211 (6)	3/
Oats	-	92	88	0.50	70 (2)	4/
Orchard Grass	-	90	78	1.50	175 (5)	4/
Redtop	-	90	78	1.80	175 (5)	4/
Ryegrass, Perennial, Annual	-	97	85	0.30	175 (5)	4/
Rye, Grain, Winter	-	92	83	0.50	70 (2)	4/
Rescue 911 Hard Fescue	0	97	82	0.10	105 (3)	-
Timothy	-	92	84	0.50	175 (5)	4/
Vetch, Crown	30	92	67	1.00	211 (6)	3/ & 6/
Vetch, Spring	30	92	88	1.00	70 (2)	4/
Vetch, Winter	15	92	83	1.00	105 (3)	4/
Wheat, hard Red Winter	-	92	89	0.50	70 (2)	4/